
THE ACTS CHURCH 2:42
"EXPERIENCE REAL CHURCH"

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TEXT: *Joshua 1:1-5 KJV*

Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, (2) Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. (3) Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. (4) From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. (5) There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

INTRO: *New Beginnings*

God had promised Abraham (**Genesis 15**), Isaac (**Genesis 17**), and Jacob (**Genesis 28**), that He would bless them and their seed – ***He would be their God and they would be His people.*** He promised them to ***guide them***, ***provide for them***, ***and protect them*** and to ***sustain them***.

The Children of Israel – Jacob… he had eleven sons and the youngest was Joseph ***(the coat of many colors)*** who had dreams of greatness and believed God would provide. His brothers were jealous and hated him and sold him into slavery – But God had other plans and had promised him in "his dreams" that he would be used by God mightily.

God's plan for Joseph was to move him to Egypt and to make him ruler over all the people (second only to pharaoh) and bring about salvation to the children of Israel; now numbering twelve brothers and their families.

Several hundred years later, there arose ***a pharaoh that knew not Joseph.*** The Children of Israel became slaves and for over a400 years were under the

bondage of slavery in Egypt. ***When God raised up a leader named Moses to Set the Children of Israel Free from Bondage and lead them to the land of promise.***

A Short Journey

It was only a short journey from Egypt to Canaan by the most direct route. A splendid highway ran up the coast through the country of the Philistines and the distance was not over 250 miles. The journey was really a 10 day journey, however God lead them away from the warring countries to reach the promise land of Canaan. Israel reached the outer part of Canaan in **11 weeks** at Kadish-Bernier, where they sent **12 men to spy** out the land. On their return ***10 men gave a report of not being able to*** take the land, only ***Joshua, and Caleb gave a report of faith in God to move forward on the land***.

So those who voted to remain in the wilderness wandered for forty years until that generation died off. Joshua and Caleb the two spies that encouraged the Children of Israel to trust God and go in and possess the land are now leading the people into the Promised Land!

I. NOW THEREFORE ARISE AND GO

God is saying – I promised it to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and to their seed! Years ago I promised it – your forefathers looked for it – your fathers refused it – Now you who are willing Go Take the land that I promised to give you!!!!!!!!!!

Joshua 1:2 KJV

Moses my servant is dead: now therefore ***arise***, ***go over this Jordan***, thou, and all this people, ***unto the land which I do give to them***, even to the children of Israel.

The old has passed – the time for something new has come

2 Corinthians 5:17 AMP

Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); ***the old*** [previous moral and spiritual condition] ***has passed away***. Behold, ***the fresh and new has come***!

Matthew 28:18-20 KJV

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. (19) ***Go ye*** therefore. and ***teach*** all nations, ***baptizing*** them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (20) ***Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you***: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

How Do You Get There?

II. HOLDING ONTO THE PROMISES OF GOD

2 Peter 1:2-4 KJV

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, (3) According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: (4) Whereby are given unto us ***exceeding great and precious promises***: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Building Up HOPE -

Hebrews 11:1 KJV

Now faith is the substance of things ***hoped*** for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1 AMP

NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

Romans 5:1-5 KJV

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: (2) By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and ***rejoice in hope*** of the glory of God. (3) And not only

so, but ***we glory in tribulations*** also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; (4) And patience, experience; and experience, ***hope***:

(5) And ***hope maketh not ashamed***: ***because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts bv the Holy Ghost which is given unto us***.

Romans 15:4 KJV

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, ***that we*** **through patience and comfort of the scriptures** ***might have hope***.

What Promises are you holding onto? – What are you Hoping for?

What does Hope look like?

III. *EXPECT GOD TO BE TRUE TO HIS WORD!*

Joshua 14:7-12 KJV

Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadeshbarnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart. (8) Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God. (9) And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God. (10) And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old. (11) As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in. (12) Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

2014 Can Be A New Beginning
For You, Your Family, Our Church

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